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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application, and are allowed.

Applicant(s) thank(s) the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

The final Office action rejects claim(s) 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102-103. Applicant(s) may respectfully disagree with the reason(s) for rejection given in the final action, but cancel(s) the rejected claim(s) without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter in order to facilitate issuance of a patent for the allowed claim(s). Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to continue prosecution of the subject matter of the canceled claim(s) in a divisional or other continuing application.

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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